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MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY

The adoption subsidy office determines whether or not a child qualifies for Medicaid through the adoption support subsidy program; see Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 117, Department Wards, Title IV-E and Adoption Assistance Recipients.

Title IV-E and Non-Title IV-E Support Subsidy Eligible

Children who are eligible to receive a title IV-E funded or non-title IV-E funded adoption support subsidy are eligible for Medicaid through the adoption support subsidy program.

Children who qualify for a Post Placement-Extension may be eligible for Medicaid past age 18; see AAM 630, Post Placement-Extension.

Children who qualify for the Young Adult Adoption Assistance Extension program may be eligible for Medicaid past age 18; see AAM 631, Medicaid Eligibility.

Not Eligible for Medicaid through Adoption Support Subsidy

If an adopted child is not eligible for adoption support subsidy through the adoption subsidy program, the adoptive parent(s) may apply for Medicaid programs through the local DHS office.

Eligibility During Adoption Supervision

Medicaid for a child who is not eligible for adoption support subsidy will continue through the foster care program during the time between the order placing the child for adoption and the final order of adoption; see BEM 117. The local DHS office will maintain the Medicaid case. The adoptive parent's assets and income are not eligibility factors during the period of adoption supervision.